

Petition: Officers' Response

Title: Create safe pedestrian crossings at walkways linking Upland Road, Central Terrace and Glasgow Street

Primary Petitioner: Lisa Locke
Total Signatures: 71 (via ePetition)

Presented by: Lisa Locke
Contact officer: Paul Barker
Director responsible: Stavros Michael

Officers' recommendation:

Officers recommend that the Committee:

1. *Receive the petition and refer it to officers to inform their work*

Background:

This ePetition was initiated by Lisa Locke on 26 August 2011 and closed on 26 October 2011.

The details of the petition were: The crossing on linking Central Terrace and Upland Road is dangerous as cars speed up the road. At Glasgow Street, crossing safely is extremely difficult as there is so little visibility. These are very busy walkways used by people from Kelburn, Northland, Highbury and Karori walking to the university & the City

The petition was open to all members of the public with internet access to the Council's website. It received 71 signatures.

Officers' response:

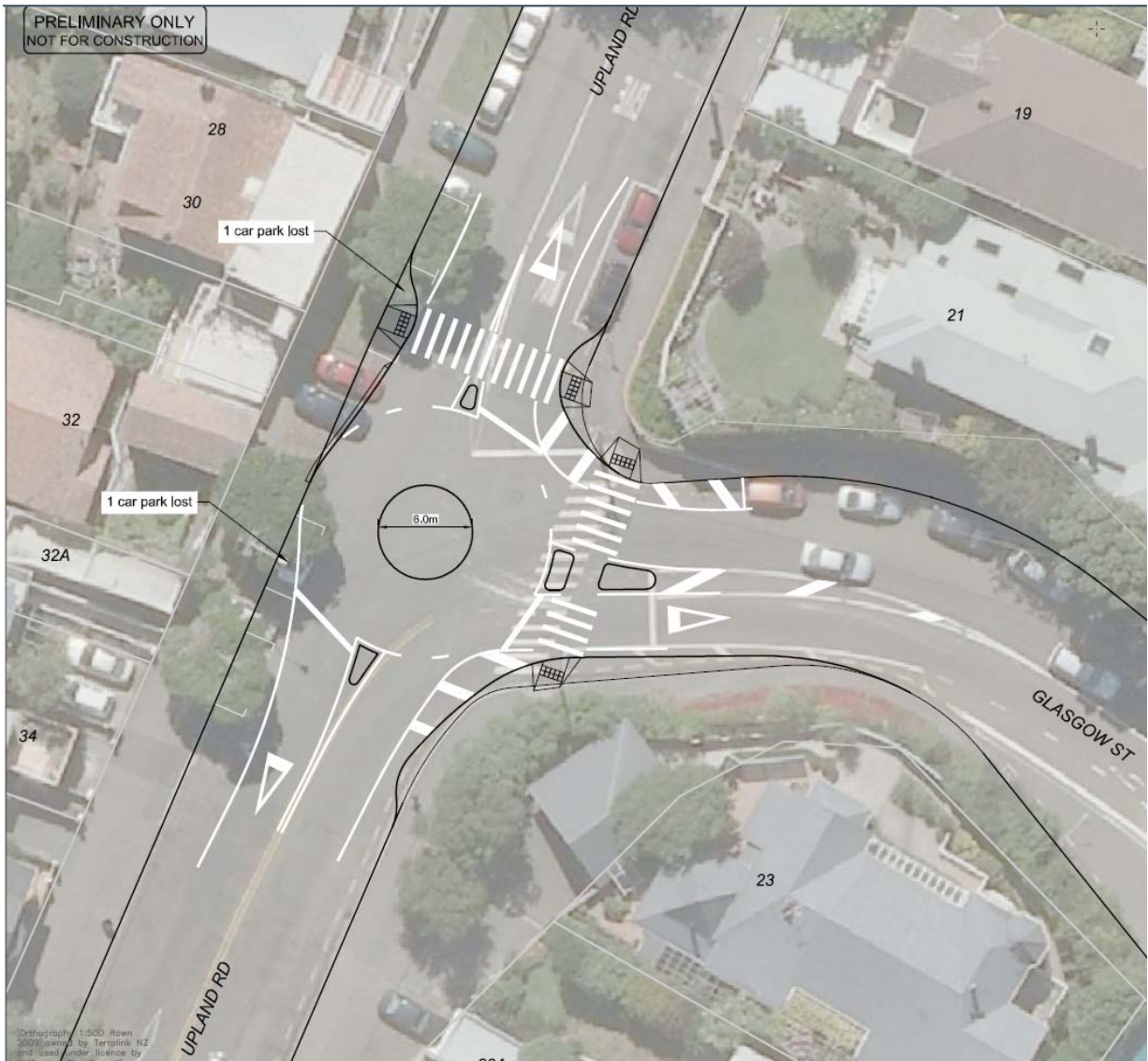
The pedestrian crossing over Glasgow Street at its intersection with Upland Road is below current standards. Ideally pedestrian crossings are to be no greater than 10 metres in length and offer a safe sight stopping distance of 55 metres in each direction.

An audit of the commuter walking route between Northland and the City ranked this crossing as poor. Funding has been allocated in this years programme to address the audit findings.

It is proposed to install central islands on the crossing to reduce the crossing width. However this will affect the way the intersection will operate as right turning vehicles heading to the cable car will be required to wait in the trough lane holding up traffic wanting to continue towards the Kelburn town centre. To address this issue it is proposed to install a roundabout.

The installation of the roundabout will reduce vehicle speeds through the intersection, further enhancing the pedestrian crossing. The roundabout also provides an opportunity to install an additional pedestrian crossing on the northern side of the intersection over Upland Road.

Consultation is currently being undertaken with directly affected properties as there will be some loss of on-street parking to accommodate the roundabout. Provided that there is a satisfactory outcome from the consultation the roundabout and associated pedestrian crossing improvements will be completed by the end of June this year.



Indicative layout for proposed roundabout and pedestrian crossing improvements at Upland Road and Glasgow Street, Kelburn.